

women who have lost their lives while serving as law enforcement officers; and

The nominations of Robert Gideon Howard, Jr., to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Arkansas, John Roberts Hackman, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Virginia, and Frederick J. Kapala, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, and Benjamin Hale Settle, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington Department of Justice, both of the Department of Justice.

Also, Committee approved the issuance of subpoenas in connection with the investigation into replacement of U.S. attorneys.

VETERANS' MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Department of

Veterans Affairs, focusing on mental health issues, including S. 479, to reduce the incidence of suicide among veterans, after receiving testimony from David Oslin, Director, VISN 4, and Jan Kemp, Associate Director for Education, VISN 19, both of the Mental Illness Research Education and Clinical Center, and Patricia Resick, Director, Women's Division, National Center for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Patrick Campbell, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, New York, New York; Connie Lee Best, Medical University of South Carolina National Crime Victims Research and Treatment Center, Charleston; Ralph Ibson, Mental Health America, Alexandria, Virginia; Tony Bailey, Las Vegas, Nevada; and Randall and Ellen Omvig, Grundy Center, Iowa.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 2025–2045; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 128–131; and H. Res. 337–338 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Dr. Mark E. Harris, First Baptist Church, Charlotte, North Carolina.

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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Renzi wherein he resigned from the Committee on Natural Resources, effective immediately.

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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Renzi wherein he resigned from the Committee on Financial Services, effective immediately.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Calling on the League of Arab States to acknowledge the genocide in the Darfur region of Sudan and to step up their efforts to stop the genocide in Darfur: H. Con. Res. 7, amended, to call on the League of Arab States to acknowledge the genocide in the Darfur region of Sudan and to step up their efforts to stop the genocide in Darfur, by

a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 425 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 259;

Pages H4057–65, H4106–07

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "Calling on the League of Arab States and each Member State individually to acknowledge the genocide in the Darfur region of Sudan and to step up their efforts to stop the genocide in Darfur."

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Torture Victims Relief Reauthorization Act of 2007: H.R. 1678, to amend the Torture Victims Relief Act of 1998 to authorize appropriations to provide assistance for domestic and foreign programs and centers for the treatment of victims of torture, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 418 yeas to 7 nays, Roll No. 260;

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Expressing deep concern over the use of civilians as "human shields" in violation of international humanitarian law and the law of war during armed conflict, including Hezbollah's tactic of embedding its forces among civilians to use them as human shields during the summer of 2006 conflict between Hezbollah and the State of Israel: H. Res. 125, amended, to express deep concern over the use of civilians as "human shields" in violation of international humanitarian law and the law of war during armed conflict, including Hezbollah's tactic of embedding its forces among civilians to use them as human shields during the summer of 2006 conflict between Hezbollah and the State of Israel;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "Expressing deep concern over the use of civilians as 'human

shields' in violation of international humanitarian law, including Hezbollah's tactic of embedding its forces among civilians to use them as human shields during the summer of 2006 conflict between Hezbollah and the State of Israel." **Page H4073**

Urging all member countries of the International Commission of the International Tracing Service (ITS) who have yet to ratify the May 2006 Amendments to the 1955 Bonn Accords Treaty, to expedite the ratification process to allow for open access to the Holocaust archives located at Bad Arolsen, Germany: H. Res. 240, to urge all member countries of the International Commission of the International Tracing Service (ITS) who have yet to ratify the May 2006 Amendments to the 1955 Bonn Accords Treaty, to expedite the ratification process to allow for open access to the Holocaust archives located at Bad Arolsen, Germany; **Pages H4073–76**

Honoring the life and accomplishments of Gian Carlo Menotti and recognizing the success of the Spoleto Festival USA in Charleston, South Carolina, which he founded: H. Con. Res. 68, to honor the life and accomplishments of Gian Carlo Menotti and recognizing the success of the Spoleto Festival USA in Charleston, South Carolina, which he founded; **Pages H4076–78**

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that schools should celebrate National Garden Month through a curriculum that includes outdoor learning: H. Res. 292, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that schools should celebrate National Garden Month through a curriculum that includes outdoor learning; **Pages H4078–79**

Congratulating the University of Tennessee women's basketball team for winning the 2007 NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship: H. Res. 320, to congratulate the University of Tennessee women's basketball team for winning the 2007 NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 415 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 266; **Pages H4079–82, H4158**

Recognizing the benefits and importance of school-based music education: H. Con. Res. 121, to recognize the benefits and importance of school-based music education; and **Pages H4082–83**

Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2007: H.R. 493, amended, to prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance and employment, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 420 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 261. **Pages H4083–H4101, H4108**

Small Business Lending Improvements Act of 2007: The House passed H.R. 1332, to improve the

access to capital programs of the Small Business Administration, by a recorded vote of 380 yeas to 45 noes, Roll No. 263. **Pages H4108–20**

Rejected the McCrery motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Small Business with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with amendments, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 197 yeas to 224 nays, Roll No. 262. **Pages H4118–19**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Small Business now printed in the bill shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of amendment. **Page H4113**

Agreed to:

Matheson amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 110–108) that adds "members of reserve components of the armed forces" as eligible to receive loans under the Community Express Program and the Increased Veteran Participation Program; **Page H4116**

Matheson amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 110–108) that includes "members of qualified Indian tribes" as eligible to participate in the Community Express Program; **Page H4116**

Cuellar amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 110–108) that allows rural small business owners, who do not have a rural lender in their area, to receive the benefits of the Rural Lending Outreach Program through loans issued by any lender enrolled in the 7(a) loan program; and **Pages H4116–17**

Inslee amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 110–108) that adds to public policy goals of the section 504 of Small Business Lending program a purpose area that would increase small-businesses access to sustainable design or low-impact design to ultimately reduce carbon-emissions and environmental impact. **Pages H4117–18**

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House. **Page H4120**

H. Res. 330, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous question by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 226 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 258. **Pages H4101–06**

U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007—Conference Report: The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 1591, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 218 yeas to 208 nays, with 2 voting "present", Roll No. 265. **Pages H4131–58**

H. Res. 332, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report, was agreed to by a recorded

vote of 226 ayes to 195 noes, Roll No. 264, after agreeing to order the previous question.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H4177.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Seven yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4106, H4106–07, H4107, H4108, H4119, H4120, H4131, H4157–58, and H4158. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:53 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies continued appropriations. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Shipbuilding (Industry Officials). Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Shipbuilding (Navy Officials). Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy: Allison Stiller, Deputy Assistant Secretary; RADM Charles H. Goddard, USN, Program Executive Officer for Ships; and RADM William H. Hilarides, USN, Program Executive Officer for Submarines.

IRAQI SECURITY FORCES CONTRACTING

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Contracting for the Iraqi Security Forces. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Gary J. Motsek, Assistant Deputy Under Secretary, Program Support; and COL Anita M. Raines, USA, Chief, Logistics Service Division J4 Directorate, Joint Staff; Anne W. Patterson, Assistant Secretary, International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, Department of State; Bruce Swartz, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

STUDENT LOAN INDUSTRY ETHICS

Committee on Education and Labor: Held a hearing on Examining Unethical Practices in the Student Loan Industry. Testimony was heard from Andrew M. Cuomo, Attorney General, State of New York.

UNREGULATED PERCHLORATE EXPOSURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials held a hearing entitled “Perchlorate”: Health and Environment Impacts of Unregulated Exposure. Testimony was heard from Alex Beehler, Assistant Deputy Under Secretary, Environment Safety and Occupational Health, Department of Defense; the following officials of the EPA: Benjamin Grumbles, Assistant Administrator, Office of Water; Susan Parker Bodine, Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response; and George Gray, Assistant Administrator, Office of Research and Development; John B. Stephenson, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: James Pirkle, M.D., Deputy Director, Sciences, Division of Laboratory Sciences, National Center for Environmental Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and Robert E. Brackwett, Director, Center for Food and Safety and Nutrition, FDA; Gary Ginsberg, Department of Public Health, State of Connecticut; and public witnesses.

HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Living Without Health Insurance: Why Every American Needs Coverage.” Testimony was heard from Michael K. Smith, Secretary, Agency of Administration, State of Vermont; former Senator Thomas A. Daschle of South Dakota; and public witnesses.

INDUSTRIAL BANK HOLDING COMPANY ACT OF 2007

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing on H.R. 698, Industrial Bank Holding Company Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from Sheila C. Bair, Chairman, FDIC; Donald L. Kohn, Vice Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; John M. Reich, Director, Office of Thrift Supervision; Robert Colby, Deputy Director, Market Regulation, SEC; G. Edward Leary, Commissioner, Department of Financial Institutions, State of Utah; and public witnesses.

MALARIA AWARENESS DAY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health held a hearing on Malaria Awareness Day: Leveraging Progress for Future Advances. Testimony was heard from ADM Timothy Ziemer, USN (Ret.), Malaria Initiative Coordinator, U.S. Agency for International Development, Department of State; and public witnesses.